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## Apple IIGS: Setting and using a RAM disk

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To set and use the RAM disk, follow these steps:

1. Go into the control panel (CTRL-Open Apple-ESC) and set the RAM disk at a convenient size, say a minimum and maximum of 800K, the size of the Apple 3.5 drive.
2. Reset the Apple IIGS with a warm boot: CTRL-Open Apple-RESET.
3. Load system utilities.
  - a. List volumes. The RAM disk should be recognized in slot 5, drive 2, as "/RAM".
  - b. Format the RAM disk.
  - c. Copy to the RAM disk whichever files you wish, such as AppleWorks 2.0.

Now if you want to use the RAM disk as the system volume:

1. Make sure that you have loaded ProDOS onto the RAM disk.
2. Go into the control panel desk accessory. To set the startup, use the up or down arrow keys to choose the menus Slots and Start up slots, and then use the right or left arrow keys to choose the RAM disk.
3. Warm boot the Apple IIGS by pressing CTRL-Open Apple-RESET. Whatever is in the RAM disk should start up.

To get the RAM back:

1. Set the RAM disk to 0K.

2. Turn off the power on the II GS. A reset will not reset the memory.

**BEWARE:** Save the data periodically in case of crash or power failure!

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